

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 31-40 are pending. Claims 37 and 38 were amended solely for purposes of correcting minor grammatical errors. No claims have been added or cancelled. Thus, claims 1-5 and 31-40 remain pending.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §112, 2nd Paragraph

Claims 1-5 and 31-40 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. These rejections are traversed for the arguments and reasons already presented in the response to the October 28, 2003 Office Action and in the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 26, 2003. Those arguments are not repeated verbatim herein, but instead are incorporated by reference. Those arguments illustrate that the subject matter of pending claims 1-5 and 31-40 would be clear to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of the supporting specification. The Office is urged to reconsider those arguments and expedite allowance of the pending claims, thereby also avoiding Appeal of these rejections.

For at least these reasons, the 35 USC §112, 2nd paragraph rejections of claims 1-5 and 31-40 are improper and should be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claims 37 and 38 are objected to because of grammatical informalities. Claims 37 and 38 have been amended to correct these informalities. In view of these amendments, the objections to claims 37 and 38 should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Pending claims 1-5 and 31-40 are in condition for allowance and action to that end is urgently requested. If any questions remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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